



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thompson :  
Serial No.: 10/064,244 : Group No.: 3679  
Filed: June 25, 2002 : Examiner: D. Bochna  
For: PIPE CONNECTING ASSEMBLY :  
AND METHOD OF USE :

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

\_\_\_ a small entity. A verified statement:  
\_\_\_ is attached.  
\_\_\_ was already filed.  
☒ other than a small entity.

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**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a)    Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1-5) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<u>  </u> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<u>  </u> two months	\$ 390.00	\$ 195.00
<u>  </u> three months	\$ 890.00	\$ 445.00
<u>  </u> four months	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 695.00

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Fee: \$           

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

   An extension of        months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$            is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$           .

OR

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
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TOTAL		MINUS	*	=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS	**	=	x \$40 = \$		x \$80 = \$
___ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$135 = \$		+ \$270 = \$
					TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$	or	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$

- (c)
- ☒
- No additional fee for Claims is required.

**OR**

- (d) \_\_\_ Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE PAYMENT**

5. \_\_\_ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**FEE DEFICIENCY**

- 6.
- ☒
- If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

- ☒
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- Amendment (4 pgs.), in response to Office Action dated April 24, 2003
- Submission of Marked Up Claims (1 pg.)
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